

### *From the Pastor*

What a week of angst, beauty, joy and generosity! Praise God that rumors of violence in our country did not come to fruition. (However, let's remain vigilant.) On Tuesday night 400 memorial lights were illuminated at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool. Each light represented 1,000 lives lost to COVID. It was a simple, breath-taking service to remember the human cost of the pandemic. Images of unity and hope on Wednesday from leaders of diverse perspectives made me more optimistic about our future than I have been in quite some time. If you missed Amanda Gorman's incredible call to hope-filled, honest action, click [here](#). My heart leaks out of my eyes every time I watch it!

Closer to home the boundless generosity of this faith family brought tears to my eyes. God's Dream of Connection: A Courageous Campaign is less than a week old, and we are 91% of the way to our goal! Click [here](#) for the letter that was mailed last Friday. For years I have said that God will always equip us to go where the Spirit leads, and you have borne witness to that truth! I'm so excited about this project that will enable us to more effectively connect to each other and to the Holy and about where the Spirit may be leading us next. Our cup of blessing certainly overflows!

We continue our Epiphany journey is worship this Sunday with Jesus' continuing to call the disciples. In preparation for worship, please read Mark 1:14-20. With whom do you identify in the story? How do you think folks heard Jesus' call to repent? Why did Simon, Andrew, James and John drop everything and follow Jesus? How do you think Zebedee felt about the whole situation? What might this text have to tell us about what it means to be disciples, to be "fishers of people"?

*Peace, Pastor Lisa*



Does the strawberry blond french horn player look familiar? Dave & Sue Kozlowski's daughter Cecilia is in the Marine band and played for the inauguration. It's less than six degrees of separation. We're famous! (Seriously. Congratulations Dave & Sue! You must be so proud!)

Worship leaders will livestream from the sanctuary this Sunday. You may access worship through the [website](#) and the [UPC YouTube](#) channel. The worship bulletin will be available on the website later today.



**tacklehunger.org**

**Souper Bowl Sunday is February 7<sup>th</sup>!**

**Current Standings**

(as of 1/22/21)

**Men – 148**

**Women - 211**

In 2020, we collected over \$335 and 958 cans of soup and pasta. The UPC women have dominated this friendly competition for the past three years and are confident 2021 will continue the winner streak. In addition to accepting monetary donations after worship on Souper Bowl Sunday, we're collecting soup from now until February 7<sup>th</sup>. Please place your donations in the office vestibule on the appropriate side. One side is "Men". The other side is "Women".

We are collecting HEARTY soups and canned pastas like Spaghetti-O's. Please - no ramen or broths. These items are filling and in demand by our ministry partners; and a variety of soups and pastas serves more of the population. The competition winner will have soup bragging rights for a whole year. Of course, the real winners will be hungry folks in our community who will benefit from your generosity!

**\*\*\*In other exciting news, UPC is sharing its wealth with NKY Helping Hearts for their Saturday child-friendly food distribution. Your generous donations are not gathering dust on a shelf.**

**Click [here](#) to learn more about this amazing partner in community ministry.\*\*\***

**New Haven Elementary Needs**

Going back to hybrid learning has depleted New Haven's Family Resource Center's supplies. You may bring your donation to the office vestibule. We need:

- Washable Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Earbud Headphones
- Folders
- Scissors

**COVID Vaccine Moves to Phase 1B in NKY  
People Aged 70+ and School Personnel**

St. Elizabeth Healthcare, in partnership with the Northern Kentucky Health Department and HealthPoint Family Care, is moving into phase 1B of the COVID-19 vaccine distribution, meaning that people aged 70 and older, and K-

12 school personnel starting Friday, January 15. Locally, that includes those individuals in Boone, Campbell, Grant, and Kenton counties. Phase 1B individuals who are 70 years or older may schedule their vaccination appointment by clicking [here](#).

Please contact the church office if you need assistance with scheduling and/or transportation to be vaccinated. The [Team Kentucky](#) website also has great, up-to-date information about the virus and vaccinations.

*This is an excerpt from a River City News article. Click [here](#) for the whole article.*

### Schedule for This Week

#### **3rd Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, January 24th**

10am Worship live streamed  
with worship leaders only in  
the sanctuary

#### Monday, January 25th

7pm Boy Scouts via Zoom

#### Wednesday, January 27th

8pm AA

#### **4th Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, January 31st**

10am Worship live streamed  
with worship leaders only in  
the sanctuary



### BIRTHDAYS

1/27 - Ray Merkel  
1/30 - Nancy Mathew,  
Marsten Tullius  
1/31 - Drew Scott  
2/1 - Tim Lastivka  
2/3 - Joanie Kenkel  
2/4 - Anne & Andy Gilliland  
Peggy Schadler  
2/6 - David Schadler  
2/7 - Heather Dern  
2/8 - Henry Clouse  
Cathy Kowalski  
2/10 - Dave Claar  
2/11 - Ainsley & Braeden  
Brown  
2/12 - Sue Arts  
2/13 - Preston Scott  
2/18 - Lauren Clouse  
2/21 - Sue Dobryzkowski  
2/25 - Winston Wood  
2/27 - Robin Huddleston,  
Paul Seidman

### Online Giving

You may give online or via text through the [UPC website](#). You can make a one time gift or set up a recurring gift. You may make a memorial or honorary gift and even pay for youth conferences. The online transaction processes the gift from your checking account, savings account, credit card or debit card and is secured through Vanco Payment Solutions.

UPC does not receive the total amount of your gift due to processing fees. At the end of the transaction, you will be asked if you wish to donate an additional 2.75% to cover the processing costs.



### ANNIVERSARIES

2/14 - Bob & Judy Heiges  
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